



Rules for Reserving the First Hole

1. Reservations **must** be made at the Hatchery office (417) 847-2430.
2. The First Hole will only be reserved for supervised groups of 20 or more not counting helpers, parents, or volunteers.
3. Groups must be children 15 or younger, individuals involved in rehabilitation programs, hospitals, nursing home patients, or disabled under therapy.
4. Except for Kids' Fishing Days, the first hole will only be reserved until 12:00 noon.
5. Tags may be waived for the above groups. Contact the Manager or Assistant Manager at the hatchery office at least one week before the planned fishing trip.
6. If members of the group would also like to get the fishing permit and daily tag requirements waived, a sponsor of the group must contact the Hatchery Manager or Assistant Hatchery Manager (417-847-2430) at least 1 week prior to the fishing date, and provide a list of names of individuals needing tag waivers (including volunteers and participants). If the group has the permit and/or tag requirement waived a supervisor of the group must have in possession a copy of the letter from the director and/or hatchery manager stating that permits and tags have been waived.
7. A special permit will be provided to the supervisor of the group which must possess while the group is fishing in the first hole.
8. Volunteers and helpers may not possess fish while fishing in the reserved area.
9. All normal rules for fishing in Zone 1 apply- limit of four, must stop fishing after four, artificial lures, soft plastic bait, or flies only. A separate stringer or creel must be used for each individual. Snagging is not permitted.
10. After reserved time ends and ribbon has been removed, anyone is welcome to fish in the first hole as long as they have a daily tag or have their daily tag waived.

To reserve the First Hole, send an Email to jerry.dean@mdc.mo.gov
or give us a call (417) 847-2430